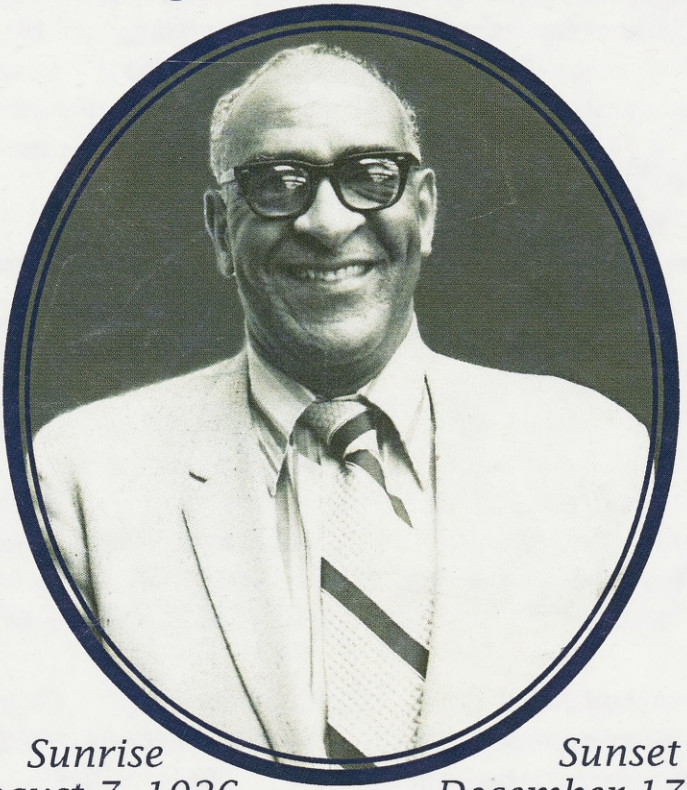
The Homegoing Celebration of

Deacon Clarence Edward Smith



Sunrise
August 7, 1926

Sunset
December 17, 2011

Services

11:00 A.M.
Friday, December 30, 2011
St. John Missionary Baptist Church
662 South 52nd Street
Richmond, California

Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor and Officiator

Obituary Tribute

Clarence Edward Smith *was born on August 7, 1926 in Powers, Arkansas to the parents of Elmo and Ruby Smith. He was the eldest of two children. He gave his life to Christ at the early age of 12 in 1938 and united with Saint Luke Baptist Church in Powers, Arkansas.*

He joined the U.S. Army in 1945 where he held many positions. He retired in 1970 as a Master Sergeant. After which, he was employed by Zallach Paper Company in San Francisco for approximately 15 years.

He married the love of his life, Willie Lou Jones. She was the daughter of Ethel and Zone Jones. To this union three children were born, Terrance, Eric and Kimberly and one step-son, Dwayne Lander, who passed in 1969.

Deacon Smith had a passion for learning. He graduated from Gunnery High School in Powers, Arkansas. Upon moving to California, he attended Contra Costa Junior College in San Pablo, CA where he received his AA Degree in Business. Although he was satisfied with that accomplishment, he continued his education and received a Bachelor's Degree at the age of 48 at San Francisco State University .

He became a member of Saint John Missionary Baptist Church in 1969, where he served faithfully as the President of the Usher Board and an active member in the Lament Ministry. Deacon Smith took great pride in being the second oldest Deacon on the Deacon's roster. But most of all he believed in serving the Lord.

His parents, wife, Willie Lou Smith, Dwayne Lander and daughter, Deloris Anthony predeceased Deacon Clarence Smith. He leaves to cherish his memories: two sons, Terrence and Eric (Marie); one daughter, Kimberly; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, Lanny Smith (Deana) of Pine Bluff, AR; 1st cousin, A. G. Smith; sister-in-law, Aree Smith and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family.

A special thanks to his friends, George and Bobbie Hawkins and his gratitude to his niece, Beverly Bailey as his caregiver.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude . . . . . .Brother Steven Green

Processional . . . . . .Clergy, Family and Friends

Scriptures . . . . . Minister Otis Harris
Old Testament . . . . . Psalm 23
New Testament . . . . . .Hebrew 9:27

Prayer . . . . . Minister Otis Harris

Solo . . . . . .Brother Steven Green

Acknowledgements . . . . . Sister Dyan Smith

Resolutions . . . . . Sister Delores Murray-Hill

Poem . . . . . Brother Phillip Collier

Obituary . . . . . .Sister Lisa Smith

Solo . . . . . .Minister Cynthia Harris
"I Won't Complain"

Poem . . . . . .Poppi O'Donald (grandchild)

Expressions . . . . . .2 minutes please
Deacon Herb Brown Brother George Hawkins
Sister Ellen Thompson Minister Metrice Williams
Deacon Nick Waller

Solo . . . . . .Minister Cynthia Harris
"May The Work That I've Done Speak For Me"

Eulogy . . . . . Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor

Parting View/Recessional . . . . . .Wilson & Kratzer Staff

Interment
Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive
Richmond, CA 94804
Military Honor Salute

Repast
R. L. Johnson Fellowship Hall

Pallbearers

Brother Steven Bates
Brother Kenneth Murray
Brother Larry Rogers
Deacon Herb Brown
Brother Joseph Murray
Brother Alvin Smith

Honorary Pallbearers

Brother George Hawkins
Brother A. G. Smith
Brother Eric Smith
Brother Tony Sanders
Brother Charlie Smith
Brother Terrence Smith

Acknowledgment

The Smith Family would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness during our time of sympathy. Your prayers, calls, food dishes, and visits will remain with us. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to heal from the loss of our dad.

Together Again!

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